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3rd Corps Support Command



The 3rd Corps Support Command – also known as Task Force Sustainer during its deployment in Iraq – began its second tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with their arrival at Logistical Support Area Anaconda in Balad, Iraq in October 2005. More than 24,000 personnel deployed in support of TF Sustainer, including the staff members of numerous civilian agencies which were key players in accomplishing the task of maintaining the COSCOM's many roles in the OIF theater. The Soldiers of the 3rd COSCOM played a vital part in supporting coalition combat units in their mission needs, as well as in providing stability and security through force protection operations; engineering operations; bulk fuel and water operations, and the training of Iraqi army and security forces. The training of Iraqi forces made great leaps forward

during 3rd COSCOM's tour with the help of the command's Iraqi Security forces cell. The cell initially provided more than 200 Soldiers a day to train and support Iraqi personnel; that figure grew to more than 500 by the end of summer 2006.



COSCOM Soldiers also helped Iraq to progress with the creation of an Iraqi Logistics System which led to over 200 important new partnerships; 12 technical assistance and training partnerships at the Taji National Depot; 18 national maintenance contract sites; 30 ammunition supply points; 100 regional support units; “up-armoring” training; support to the Iraqi Army Services and Supply Institute and the Phoenix Academy police training center; over 100 vital fuel and sustenance deliveries to Iraqi army units, and the movement of the Iraqi National army equipment. The command was influential within the Iraqi civilian

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community as well, as it serviced more than 300 Iraqi civilians.

The COSCOM's civilian-military operations officer worked closely with the Iraqi army and the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) – the Army Corps of Engineers' only active-duty unit -- to restore electricity to Al-Bakir village a village of more than 400 Iraqi families who were left without light or heat for 16 days. 3rd COSCOM members worked closely with representatives of the Iraqi surgeon general's office to have two Iraqi army officers assigned to the 332nd Air Force Theater Hospital as liaison officers who helped arrange the transfer of Iraqi army patients from the 332nd AFTH to Iraqi medical facilities, and arranged for the remains of Iraqi soldiers to be returned to their families for proper burial.

To further support the surrounding community, the COSCOM established an Iraqi bazaar on LSA Anaconda which provided an opportunity for the installation's residents to purchase Iraqi goods and generated local village revenue.



The COSCOM's logistical experts and the command's supporting units provided comprehensive material management for all classes of supply except for Class VII medical. COSCOM organizations also delivered data processing capability for the entire theater of operations; provided regional public affairs coverage in the Balad area; ensured quality petroleum surveillance; provided command and control for more than 200 logistical units within Multi-National Corps - Iraq, and provided vital life support to all their assigned Soldiers and civilian employees.